



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to build the health and resilience of Minnesota's future; and
- WHEREAS: Children as young as 18 months can be affected by traumatic events and have serious emotional, behavioral, and physical problems in later childhood and adulthood. More than 35 percent of children exposed to a single traumatic event will develop serious mental health problems; and
- WHEREAS: With support from caring adults, children and youth can recover from traumatic events, reestablish a sense of wellbeing, and access needed treatment and other services; and
- WHEREAS: The need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, youth, and families places a critical responsibility upon our communities; and
- WHEREAS: It is appropriate that a day be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts and actions toward our children's mental health and wellbeing; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), in its policy and planning roles, supports effective caring of the mental health needs of children. DHS is committed to nurturing the social and emotional wellbeing of children from birth, and providing effective, accessible services and support for children and youth with mental needs and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2012 as:

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota, and urge citizens, agencies, and organizations interested in meeting every child's mental health needs to unite on this day.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE